

Dear FCC, Proceeding number 16-41

I watch RFD-TV on DirecTV and enjoy all of their programming especially their music, western sports, Rural America Live-AARP, Texas Country Reporter, Small Town Bad News and can <sup>watch</sup> with our grandchildren which is important to us.

If independent channels need to be dropped by the carriers of the cable/satellite systems from the Urban Market place, I strongly believe they have other choices as so many of the urban owned channels are unfit for family watching and I do not watch movies as they have not offered me enough money to spend 2-3 hours watching Crap.

Howard Hawkins  
7441 SW Hoch Rd.  
Auburn, Kans. 66402

Pho. # 785-256-2204

Richard and Linda Maris  
614 Main St.  
White Cloud, Ks 66094

#16-41

We watch RFD-TV on Dish satellite.

One of our favorite networks is RFD-TV. We watch rodeos, country music, weather, classic tractors, and market reports.

We feel it is not right that urban programmers have the right to make the decisions what networks we get to watch. We wonder where these urban programmers think their food comes from- it comes from the rural communities they want to take off of their programming.

So please make the decision that we get to keep our independent networks.

Richard and Linda Maris  
614 Main St.  
White Cloud, Ks 66094

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Dear FCC Proceeding #16-41,

Jerry & Nancy Cox  
1449 W. Rd.  
Sabetha, KS. 66534

2-29-16

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We are avid RFD-TV watchers. Our provider is Direct TV, so we were not affected by the cancellation. However we do not want to lose this station down the road. We have so many channels we never watch. Why can't we in the rural be offered an opportunity to select say 50 channels we do want? It looks like it would be a tremendous saving for the cable companies too.

RFD-TV not only is a good source for rural people to keep in touch, it gives city folks insight to what goes into agriculture today. We are no longer dirt farmers and livestock people. Our industry has become very high tech and very needful of being aware of the ever changing market climate. RFD-TV provides us with this information for the better part of the day. We do not know of another TV station so devoted to agriculture.

We urge you to look into the practices of big business and keep our smaller independent TV stations on the air to provide us with the news and information we really want.

Thank you for your interest in this issue.

*Jerry J. Cox*  
*Nancy A. Cox*



March 1, 2016

FCC c/o RFD-TV  
49 Music Square West  
Suite 301  
Nashville, TN 37203

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Docket #16-41

This is the third letter we have written in support of RFD-TV.

We would like to know why these East Coast networks are eliminating independent channels and depriving rural areas, like we live in, from information and entertainment that we depend on. Programming provided on these channels is not available from any other urban channels.

We have been subscribing to DirectTV for over ten years and the programming has changed where we receive very few of the original channels we signed up for. There are about 24 channels that are just sales channels that we do not want, nor watch and we did not subscribe to. There is one channel, El Trece America that we did not subscribe to and definitely, do not want.

There were channels on our original subscription that they have dropped, like the Weather Channel which was replaced by something

called Weather Nation, which does not give the same quality. Blue Highway and Sportsman's Channel we can not find at all on their menu. The Outdoor Channel has been moved and we would have to pay extra to receive it.

I am 72 and my wife is 64, and we certainly hope that FCC will find a way to retain these important channels for rural and elderly viewers.

Thank you

Jim & Brady  
Cathleen Brady



March 1, 2016

Judy Taylor  
3163 Taylor Ave  
Connelly Springs NC 28612  
828 397-5363  
Direct-TV

Dear FCC 16-41

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Please don't take away RF19-TV  
It is wholesome programming.  
Children can learn about  
farming, and people know  
what's put in the food.

The other channels teach  
you about sex, drugs, & violence.  
If you have children or  
grandchildren think about  
their future.

Sincerely  
Judy Taylor

If children learn how to  
farm, or at least grow a garden,  
it might help stop obesity.  
The children are our future.

March 1, 2016

FCC – **Proceeding #16-41**

c.o RFD TV

49 Music Square West

NASHVILLE TN 37203

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Gentlemen:

I watch RFD TV on DISH . I am writing to support the many Verizon customers who can no longer get RFD because Verizon has decided Rural America doesn't count. I am referring to the FIOS customers living in the East Coast cities.

Also, the many farmers and ranchers in Montana, Colorado, who count on the many programs which are so important to their business. Losing RFD TV programming for these people is a huge loss.

I hope the FCC will realize how important RFD TV is to Rural America and find a way to keep it on the air, to the loyal customers in the East as well as the West.

Please help us.

Thank you,



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4216 Merriam Road

Minnetonka MN 55305

952-935-9293

Dear FCC, Proceeding # 16-41

My name is Patty Rice.

P.O. Box 144  
Clements Md. 20624 (301-769-2950)

I watch the RFD channel 345  
on Directv.

I've been a farm girl all  
my life. I grew up on the  
shows on RFD TV and would not  
want to see it go. It is  
such an educational show  
for everyone. Please FCC  
help us keep our beloved  
programs. Thanks for your  
help.

Sign  
Patricia  
Rice

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2/28/2016

RE: RFD-TV  
Proceeding 16 - 41

From:  
Tim & Helen Thompson  
40820 Old Horse Landing Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659-4265

PH - 301-884-3659

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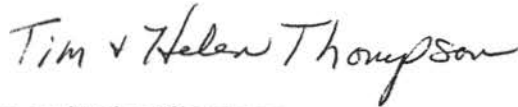
Dear FCC,

We watch RFD-TV on Direct TV and it is one of our very favorite channels. My husband really would not choose a carrier that did not have RFD-TV. This is a channel that is Family oriented and one that has high standards and one that upholds the morals we live by. Many channels today are not fit for families to watch together which is a sad comentary of what is happening in our country today.

Please consider the needs of our Seniors and the Farmers in this country. We need RFD-TV and we hope you will do all you can to make sure it is carried throughout this country. There are programs on it that would interest everyone in our cities and in rural areas, and programs that give Farmers what they need.

Thank you for what you will do for all concerned.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim & Helen Thompson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Tim and Helen Thompson

# Sign Up for our NEWSLETTER

## Submit Your Comments to the FCC

The FCC is now accepting comments from citizens on the recently adopted Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in regards to independent broadcasters like RFD-TV being squeezed off the air. There are two ways for you to make your voice heard on this important and urgent issue. Please read the instructions below carefully to ensure your comment reaches the FCC directly.

### TWO IMPORTANT POINTS!

1. Open the letter with "I watch RFD-TV on (insert cable/satellite provider...DirecTV, Dish, Charter, etc)." VERY IMPORTANT.
2. Make sure you indicate Proceeding Number 16-41.

To Submit Your Comment Electronically,  
[click here](#)

YOUR FORM SHOULD LOOK LIKE THIS - IF SO, CONTINUE TO STEP 1.

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THIS IS YOUR FORM

The screenshot shows the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) interface. Key elements include:

- Header:** "FCC" logo and "Electronic Comment Filing System".
- Navigation:** "ECFS Home", "Search for Filings", "Submit a Filing", "Check Your Filing Status".
- Form Fields:**
  - Proceeding Number:** Handwritten "16-41" with an arrow pointing to a box labeled "Type 16-41 here".
  - Name of Filer:** Handwritten "CARY LONG".
  - Email Address:** Handwritten "CLONG@SMTc.NET".
  - Address Line 1:** Handwritten "304 COTTONWOOD RD.".
  - Address Line 2:** Handwritten "P.O. BOX 186".
  - City:** Handwritten "WITTEN".
  - State:** Handwritten "DAK.".
  - Zip:** Handwritten "57584".
- Comments Section:** A box with the instruction "Type 'I watch RFD-TV on (insert cable/satellite provider...DirecTV, Dish, Charter, etc)'. And then add your comment." contains handwritten text: "I WATCH RFD-TV ON DirecTV, it would be a loss to rural America to lose RFD-TV, Keep it on the air." followed by the signature "Cary Long" and phone number "605-842-5155".
- Buttons:** "Comment" and "Reset".

Step 1. Insert proceeding number 16-41

Step 2. Fill out your name, email, address

Step 3. In the comment section, state on which cable or satellite system you watch RFD-TV. For example, "I watch RFD-TV on (DirecTV, Dish, Charter, etc)." Then make your personal comment.

Find Us in Your Area

Use our easy Channel Finder to find us on your cable or satellite service.

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Employment

March 1, 2016

Beverly Voss  
N9484 Franklin Rd.  
Elkhart Lake, WI. 53020  
(920) 565-2354

"Dear FCC: 16-41"

I watch RFD-TV on DirecTV.  
We support RFD-TV because  
it includes many of our favorite  
programs. We like to watch Mecum  
tractor auctions and also tractor  
pulls. We also like many of  
the musical shows such as  
the Presleys, Molly Bee Polka  
Show, He Haw, Marty Steward,  
Ray Stevens, Larry's Country  
Diner and many others. We  
also like the farm reports and  
the National FFA Convention.  
If RFD-TV is discontinued, we  
are going to disconnect Cable!!

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Sincerely,

Beverly Voss



Dear FCC 10-41

Roy Kaufman

12429 West Datch Av

Moundge KS 67107

620.345-8349

I watch RFD TV on Dish Network

Many Educational Programs which Represent Rural America.

Farm Markets up to date Daily each hour

A Good station is RFD TV

Thanks

Roy Kaufman

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1141 S. Green ST.  
Palmyra, PA 17078  
February 25, 2016  
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TO: THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION – Proceeding number 16-41

FROM: EDWARD G. AND KAREN L. KONCLE – EMAIL: [enkkoncle@verizon.net](mailto:enkkoncle@verizon.net)

PHONE: 717-482-8557

CABLE: VERIZON FIOS

VERIZON FIOS ACCOUNT: 654-154-005-0001-57 – PREFERRED TRIPLE PLAN

CC: RFD-TV, NASHVILLE, TN 37203

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DEAR FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONERS-PROCEEDING NUMBER 16-41,

The purpose of this communication is to put on record our gratitude to the FCC for conducting a "Notice of Inquiry" relative to Verizon FIOS dropping from the lineup the RFD-TV Programming as of the end of January, 2016.

We also wish to put on record our complete dismay in being denied the RFD-TV Programs. We enjoyed immensely the RFD-TV Programs and watched the programs daily.

We are a retired couple who spent a lifetime affiliated with the Agricultural Industry in the Eastern portion of the United States. The agricultural aspect of RFD-TV Programs became an extension of our vocation throughout our working life into retirement, and enhanced our awareness of ag related endeavors throughout the United States.

Additionally we have significant physical limitations and found RFD-TV diverse in its programming. We valued the newly acquired educational experiences and information, and found the daily entertainment most enjoyable.

Please note that we bought the Verizon FIOS Service Provider Package strictly because the RFD-TV Programs were on the lineup, which our previous provider did not include. Now Verizon FIOS dropped RFD-TV and we are among many viewers sorely disadvantaged by being denied the RFD-TV Programs on the Verizon FIOS lineup.

TO: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONERS - Proceeding 16-41 ----- PAGE 2

FROM: EDWARD G. AND KAREN L. KONCLE

Please, please comprehensively review Verizon FIOS management's decision to drop RFD-TV Programs, and require Verizon FIOS to reinstate the RFD-TV Programs in total.

We are very grateful we live in a country that affords us the ability to forward our voice to your Agency. We request FCC to perform a thorough investigation. In the end, we believe your Agency will surely determine that Verizon FIOS is required to reinstate the RFD-TV Programs in total to the Verizon FIOS lineup.

We thank you immensely for your consideration of our requests and the similar requests from many other viewers, who like us, thoroughly enjoy RFD-TV Programs.

Most sincerely and very appreciatively,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward G. Koncle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Edward" being more prominent.

Edward G. Koncle

And

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen L. Koncle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" being more prominent.

Karen L. Koncle



To FCC Regarding Form 16-41  
RFD TV

From Sharon McGaw  
27724 View Road  
P.O. Box 307  
Arl, SD 57766

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We receive RFD TV From Dish  
Network Channel 231

My husband and I thoroughly  
enjoy the programming on RFD TV  
and do not wish to lose it.

We especially like the rodeos,  
bull riding, Larry's Country Diner,  
western country music, Country  
Family Reunion, and the Farm Reports.  
Please save our favorite channel!

Sharon McGaw Faulk  
Mr Gary Faulk

February 28, 2016

Dear FCC, Proceeding 16-41

My name is Debi Burk

36 Purdy Road

Grangeville, Idaho 83530

(208) 983-0954

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I Watch RFD-TV on Dish.

I love beable to watch the western shows, the musical shows, the rodeo,  
the cooking shows, church, the horse programs, everything to do with country!

Please keep RFD-TV on the air, it is great!!

Thank you,

*Debi Burk*

1641 - Re: Hearings

03-01-2016

FCC:

This ~~letter~~ <sup>DOCKET THE COPY ORIGINAL</sup> is to let you know that our household supports and watches RFD, Rural TV, RIDE TV, Gaither Gospel Channel, but not the majority of the other channels on Dish Network. We find RFD to be our best source of information on weather, markets, and agricultural trends which affect our business.

We are self-employed in marketing and agriculture, and to lose this network and the other independents would be a great loss to us. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Samuel H. Lewis  
Angmer, KS 67068



March 1, 2016

FCC - 16-41 R.F.D.

Direct. T.V.

44 Music Square West  
Nashville, Tenn. 37203

Hello R.F.D

Just ~~DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL~~ say how much we enjoy  
you We like the music music show  
Ray Stephens very much and the Roder and  
Gentle Giants Your coverage of Tournament of Roses  
can't be beat Lam shows are good to.  
Don't change a thing. Best shows.  
Good Luck.

Direct T.V.

Lester R. Hendricks

3-14-2016

Dear FCC 16-41

I watch RFD-TV on  
Directv, Please leave it  
on, I enjoy the Country Music  
+ the Polka Music that  
I don't get on any other  
channel, it also has other  
programs that I enjoy.

Thanks,  
Joyce Powers  
4450 Hwy 305  
Caldwate, Mo

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Feb 29 2014

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Karen York  
PO Box 183  
Princeton, KS 66078-0183

Dear Patrice Gote,

Thank you for your constant work to keep RFD on the air. I have been a viewer for 15 years. My husband worked for various elevators in the agricultural industry handling, marketing and delivering grain to farmers. He was active purchasing seed, fertilizer, pesticides. He supported farming on state, county and local level supporting farmers and ranchers in Kansas and Nebraska.

RFD has been our primary support all during this time. We enjoy all your programming and changed to Direct to get your great programming. Programs watched include: US Farm Report, Market Update for Agriculture News and Weather, Cattleman's Cattleman's Reports and updates with Tom Vilsack. We also follow the state programming, Doc Dan Vetter on Ks State Postcards from Nebraska, Texas Country Reports, Georgia Farm Monitor. Your coverage of FFA Annual Meeting are very supportive of our youth.

Your Country Music programs, Country Dinner, Country Family Reunions, Better Black, Native American Red League - Ray Stevens, Penny Gilly are great.



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Thanks off to you for all your effort  
to keep these programming available to  
Rural America God Bless you.

Karen York

P.S. I worked 14 years in School Food  
service and your programming on how  
all our food is produced and  
programming showing dairy farmers,  
cattle ranchers, hog production and  
poultry as well as fruit, vegetable  
and other products and how they  
get to the grocery markets & farmers  
markets. Great Job —